



The Clapboardtree Spire

News From First Parish of Westwood, United Church
340 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090

June~August, 2011

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 12

The Property Consolidation Committee has convened several times since forming this Spring and will host an informal discussion with the congregation immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 12. The Committee will present a set of working assumptions that it has developed through detailed discussions and ask the congregation for ideas, comments and further discussion concerning any issues raised or issues that may need further attention.

The Committee intends to begin to build consensus among the congregation concerning some of the issues raised in the past in order to move forward with property planning at First Parish. The format will be an open discussion to generate input and will not include a presentation of background material or suggestions for future property planning. The Committee plans to move forward in the coming months based on input and guidance offered by the congregation at this important meeting.

Please join us for a valuable discussion. Coffee and light refreshments will be served in the Meeting House before the discussion rather than in the Parish Hall

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open 9AM-3PM, Monday through Thursday through Thursday, June 30th. It will be closed throughout July and August. Phone and email messages will be monitored, so let us know if you need anything! Judy's emergency contact number is 617-759-0653. The office will re-open on Thursday, Sept. 1st.

Pastor Chris will be away on his honeymoon June 25th-July 3rd, and will be on vacation from July 23rd-July 30th and Aug. 1st - 14th. During those times, please leave a message with the church office if you need pastoral assistance. Otherwise he may be reached via his office phone, 781-326-0135.

9:30AM SUMMER UNION WORSHIP

AT FIRST PARISH

Sunday, June 19
Sunday, June 26
All Sundays in July

AT FIRST BAPTIST

All Sundays in August
Sunday, Sept. 4

HOME COMING SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept. 11
10AM

CONGRATULATIONS 2011 CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to this year's confirmands – *Kelly Porter*, *Madeline McKeown*, and *Catherine Werth* – for successfully completing the 2011 Confirmation curriculum by either confirming their baptismal vows or being baptized into the faith.

We also welcome all three confirmands into the church as our newest members. Welcome all!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

June 1	June Clay, Sarah Stefans
June 2	Ben Condon, Lauren Holbrook Jonathan Mooncai, Ashley Wight
June 3	Stephen Wright
June 4	Cailin Harrington, Hattie Rowe
June 6	Christy Baldwin, Michael Bullen Amanda McKim
June 8	Dick Lassen
June 11	Kathy Rowe
June 13	Robert Forsberg
June 14	Janice Blaney
June 15	Robert Robertson Jr.
June 20	Laura Ellis, Kristen Liebrock
June 21	Meghan Hobbs, Claire Underhill
June 23	David Mather
June 27	Alex Beach
June 27	Samantha Keene, Catherine Werth
June 28	Andrew Baily, Christian Blomquist
June 30	Daniel Hiller

Anniversaries

June 4	Ivar & Eleanor Johnson
June 6	Jeffrey & Alice Smith
June 7	Robert & Christy Baldwin
June 11	Susan & Joseph Abbadessa
June 15	Andy & Lisa Walker
June 21	Claire & Tom Underhill
June 25	Laura & Richard Donovan
June 26	Ron & Millie Arntz
June 27	Art & Joyce Marsh Elizabeth & Bernie Vaccaro
June 29	Doug & Cheryl Gorman

THE CLAPBOARDTREE SPIRE

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LIFETIMES

Emails:

- *Doug Hyde*: dkhydema@gmail.com

Moved:

- *Amie Colcord & Jesse Aquilar*: as of June 1st, to 33 Goldsmith St., Apt. 2, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- *Pam & Peter Kane*, as of June 30th, to 149 Ellis St., Westwood.

Births:

- *Alex Sheldon Blaney*, grandson of Sheldon & Janice Blaney, was born May 10th to their son Joshua and his wife Joanna Blaney. He joins his older brother, Connor.

Deaths:

- *Lois Stone*, grandmother of Pastor Chris Dodge, died on May 20th after a long illness. A funeral service was held on May 25th in Brockton.
- *Doug McGee*, son of long-time parishioners Bruce & Elinor McGee, died on May 23rd in Brunswick, Maine after a long battle with cancer.

WHO'S WHO AT FIRST PARISH

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**FROM
PASTOR CHRIS**



On May 22nd, our worship service was led by the children and youth of our church. At this fabulous service, talents and voices and all ages shared in telling the good news. We reflected upon the story of Pentecost, which among other things, marks the "birthday" of the Christian Church.

We thought about who makes up the church. We thought about the promises that are the foundation of the church. We thought about and sang these words, "I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together."

Every day, I set aside a few minutes to read and reflect upon a daily devotional I receive via e-mail from the United Church of Christ. These devotionals help me to deepen my relationship with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I share with you the following devotion that came on the heels of our "Pentecost" worship service. It reminds us why worship is an important part of our faith journey. This reflection is written by Martin B. Copenhagen:

"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation." (Psalm 111:1)

This fall, a beloved saint in our congregation, Marjorie Scoboria, died just short of her 104th birthday. The Sunday before her death she was in her usual spot in the congregation in the fourteenth row on the left. (Did you think we preachers don't notice that sort of thing?) She was offering her witty little quips to those around her, standing for the hymns. In other ways, however, she was limited in how she could participate. In recent years, her eyesight and her hearing were almost completely gone, but she continued to come to worship every Sunday. When I asked Marjorie about that (after all, if I were over a hundred years old, I think I would stay in bed every once in a while), she looked surprised by the question, and replied, "Because I need to be in the congregation with the people."

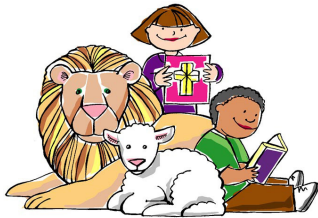
Woody Allen famously said, "Ninety percent of life is just showing up." But he's wrong. Ninety percent of life is showing up over and over again.

People sometimes speak of "going to church" on Sunday morning, as the church had some kind of existence without the people, or as if it were a building.

We all know the children's game, "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people." That may be a good game, but it is bad theology. As Marjorie knew so well, the church is the people. So you have to show up. It's not a church until you get there.

Peace,
Pastor Chris





Donna Bertazzoni
Church School

There was a sweet, sweet Spirit in the meetinghouse on Church School Sunday. With word, symbol, music and imagination the children led us in a worship service filled with joyful activity. The worship space was bedecked with their Pentecost symbols of fire and power, wind and change, promise and sure foundation. In a memorable act of fair play they invited the adults forward for a Word for ALL Ages. Thank you and congratulations to the adults for their willingness to participate, to the students for all their preparation and hard work, to the teachers for a year of leadership and caring and to Joanna whose work with the student musicians brought the service together.

Church school classes will continue through June 12, wrapping up the year before summer union services begin on June 19.

Plans for the 2011-2012-program year are already being explored by the Ministry of Education and Discipleship. This summer they will develop a new model for the middle school class and the youth fellowships.

The teaching staff for next year is shaping up nicely. Most classes have teams of three teachers who share the responsibility of leading classes. There is still need for two additional teachers in the younger classes and for classroom helpers. If you think you might be interested, please contact Nancy Brind or me.

Summer blessings,
Donna

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2011-2012

It's time to plan for the next school year already! Parents, please take a moment to register your child for Church School before you are immersed in the activities of the summer. Children in Nursery through Grade 9 (Confirmation) should be registered in order for the Church School to be fully prepared to serve them.

The 2011-2012 Registration Form is included with this Spire, and also on our web site at www.firstparishwestwoo.org. Please send or drop off Church School Registration forms to the Education office.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PLEDGE!

Summer can be a busy time for everyone, especially for those who vacation away from home during the summer months. It is one of summer's greatest gifts to be able to deviate from our normal routines.

Unfortunately, our utility companies never go on vacation, and the bills just keep coming in! We rely on pledged income to carry us through the summer, so if you can, please keep current with your pledge and help us through this "quiet" time.

YARD SALE THANK YOU

A huge round of applause goes to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Yard Sale a success! You know who you are – you delivered donations, arranged, sorted and priced continuously for two days prior to the big day – and then manned the tables on Saturday! Thanks to you we made \$2700 to add to our budget!

Special thanks to this year's coordinators Pam Kane and Judy Holbrook, to Pastor Chris for helping mastermind the table set up – and to those marvelous people who showed up at the end to help our weary volunteers put it all away!

THANK YOU TO OUR EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP STAFF FOR 2011-2011

Your leadership was invaluable!

2010-2011 CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS, NURSERY VOLUNTEERS & FELLOWSHIP LEADERS

NURSERY

Karina Adourian
Allison Bayer
Brian Bayer
Kara Belinsky
Cathy Ellis
Sharon Hobbs
Joanna Nannestad
Robbie Werth

PRIMARY

Tricia McKim
Elizabeth Vaccaro

PRESCHOOL

Tara Kelly
Shelley Reeve
Beth Roper

4TH & 5TH GRADE

Nancy Brind
Andrea Deininger
Nancy Whitney

6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADE

Alison Bertazzoni
Amie Colcord
Lucinda Linde

COMMUNION UNIT

Jeannie Germano
Steve Werth

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Chris Dodge
Sharon Hobbs

SHYF

Sharon Hobbs
Steve Hurley

JHYF

Nancy Brind
Amie Colcord
Andrea Deininger
Lucinda Linde
Dotty Vancura

HELPERS

Josh Belinsky
Jen Bruno
Jennifer Hichar
Steven Kane
Christine McMurray
Dotty Vancura
Catherine Werth

SUBSTITUTES

Kelly Belinsky
Barb Delisle
Mike Ellis
Karen Jordanides
Steve Werth

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Pastor Chris Dodge
Brian Bayer

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday, June 5:

- **10AM:** Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
- **10:15AM:** Church School classes
- **11AM:** Coffee Hour celebration of Pastor Chris & Lynne Daige's upcoming wedding

Sunday, June 12:

- **10AM:** Communion worship
- **10:15AM:** Church School classes
- **11AM:** Parish Consolidation Committee report, in the Meeting House
- **11:20AM:** Coffee Hour, in the Meeting House

Sunday, June 19-Sunday, Sept. 4:

9:30AM Summer Union Worship services

Sunday, Sept. 11:

Homecoming Sunday

JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 5th

10AM Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
Church School classes

Sunday, June 12th

10AM Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion
Church School classes
PCC Meeting in the church

Sunday, June 19th

9:30AM Summer Union Worship begins; Coffee Hour in the sanctuary

Sunday, June 26th

9:30AM Summer Union Worship; Coffee Hour in the sanctuary



PLAY SAFE IN THE SUN! PROTECT YOUR SKIN.

Outdoor activities, especially in the warm and inviting summer season, are good for the mind, body and soul. The warm days are truly God’s blessing! As we enjoy the upcoming months, it is important to remember that our skin needs protection from the sun. Sun damage can cause pre-mature skin aging, sunspots, wrinkles, dry leathery skin appearance and sunburns that can be painful. Most important is that sun damage can lead to skin cancer. Please take a few moments to take the quiz below. Are you and your family Sun Smart? Answers are on the bottom of the page.

Sun Safety Quiz

1. UVA Rays are the most common cause of sunburn? T___ F___

2. A sunscreen with SPF (sun protection factor) of 10 means that the sunscreen will protect you 10 times as long as without it? T___ F___

3. You need to have a full body screening by a dermatologist yearly? T___ F___

4. You need to wear sunscreen in the winter: T___ F___

5. Skin cancers are more easily treated than any other types of cancer because they affect only the skin and not other organs? T___ F___

UVB ray exposure is the most common cause of sunburn. These rays are most intense in summer months. Make sure that your sunscreen, which you should apply to any exposed skin all year long, is broad spectrum and will protect you from both UVA and UVB rays. Your sunscreen will have a SPF value that is based on the amount of time your skin would normally burn if no sunscreen were applied. If you usually burn in 30 minutes a SPF of 10 would protect you for 300 minutes in the sun. Remember that you can burn on cloudy days as the sun’s rays can penetrate cloud cover, mist and fog. Snow can reflect the sun’s rays and increase your exposure. Apply a sunscreen daily to your face and hands with a SPF factor of at least 15.

Skin Cancer can occur in hard to see areas of the body such as your back, neck and scalp. Monthly exams of your skin can be done at home with mirrors and good lighting. Look for any changes in moles, new patches of rough irritated skin or bumps. Report any changes to your primary care physician. Make a yearly appointment with a trained dermatologist for a full body screening. She can pick up skin cancer at the earliest stages. Melanoma, the most sever form of skin cancer can spread to other organs if not detected early.

Answers: 1F, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5F.

Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,
Margery Eramo, RN, FCN
Faith Community Nurse

CPR TRAINING

On Saturday, October 22nd, an American Heart Certified CPR Training Program will be offered at First Parish from 10AM-2PM in the Parish Hall.

The cost will be between \$25 and \$35 per person, based on the number of people who enroll.

The event is open to all, and pre-registration is required. First Parish staff, church school teachers, and parishioners are particularly urged to attend, as well as friends from the local community.

Questions? Contact Marge Eramo.



Rosie's Place Thank You

A round of applause for all the volunteers who provided the lunches for Rosie's Place this year. You made hundreds of sandwiches or brought fresh or canned fruit to the Parish Hall one Monday a month, November through May.

And once again, the Junior High Youth Fellowship stepped up to provide twelve dozen sandwiches in March, as a community service project. Your help was much appreciated!

Rosie's Place's mission is to "provide a safe and nurturing environment for poor and homeless women to maintain their dignity, seek opportunity, and find security in their lives." Rosie's Place helped over 3500 women last year, and the need continues to grow.

Think about volunteering! More and more women are coming to rely on Rosie's Place for their meals. We can always use more volunteers to make 14-16 sandwiches a few times during the year, on the third Monday of the month, November through May. A large container is left outside the Parish Hall the night before for anyone needing to drop off their contributions before 9AM on Monday morning – or sandwiches can be left in the Parish Hall refrigerator on Sunday.

If you can help, please contact Rosie's Place Coordinator Thelma Bruno at 781-329-9610.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

For all you summer babies out there who never get the cupcakes in school, this is for you...

July 1	Kristin Knox	July 28	Matthew Cannon	August 13	Karina Adourian
July 3	Margaret Kaleh		Hannah Jordanides	August 15	Todd Miner
July 6	Julia Germano-			August 17	Jennifer Hichar
July 9	Jonathan Hawes	July 30	Ian Marten		Judy Holbrook
	Peter Kane	July 31	Chris Davis		Linda Johnson
July 12	Robbie Werth	August 1	Sharon Atkins	August 18	Jessica Donovan
July 13	Gianna Bruno-		Ruth Walsh		Bill Holbrook
July 14	Megan Condon-	August 3	Peter Bertazzoni	August 22	Haley
July 15	Toni Lea		Jeffrey Smith		Connaughton
July 17	Jean Fitch	August 4	Robert MacClary	August 23	Bruce Higgins
July 18	Jamie Anderson		Carolyn Miner	August 24	Gail Miskell
	Harry Linehan	August 6	Ben Linehan	August 25	Ron Sudduth
	Craig Runci		Ted Perry	August 26	Ken Knox
	Shane Trombly	August 7	Katie Knox		Tyler Knox
July 20	Jackie Vancura-	August 9	Daniel Howard	August 27	Ellen Youlden
July 24	Jim McKenzie-	August 11	Julia Kane	August 28	Ryan Wagner
July 25	Leah Worth	August 12	Maddy McKeown	August 29	Bryan Peterson
July 26	Norm Slack		Judy Thomson	August 30	Lee Adourian

FIRST PARISH VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sunday, June 5:

Given by the Kendall family, in loving memory of Beth's father, Robert T. Hale.

Sunday, June 12:

Given by Ruth Dettbarn and family, in loving memory of her husband and their father, Al Dettbarn.

Sunday, June 19:

Given by Elvin Fowell, in memory of his father, Rev. Myron Fowell.

Sunday, June 26:

Given by the Barlow family, through the Endowed Memorial Flower Fund, in memory of loved ones.

Fresh flowers from local gardens are always welcome on our altar during the July Summer Union Worship services. If you would like to provide a bouquet on one of the summer Sundays in July, please contact the Ministry of Worship.

USHER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 5:

Bill Holbrook
Sheldon Blaney
Don Friedl
Lee Adourian

Sunday, June 12:

Dave & Bonnie Blomquist
Chris Pfaff
Dan & Karen Wagner

Sunday, June 19: (9:30AM)

Martha Crawford
Ron Arntz
Stuart & Carol Maynard

Sunday, June 26

Fred Rice
Charlie Domina
Peter Kane
Nancy Hyde

Sunday, July 3:

Doug Hyde
Jerry Verzino
Mike Gettings

Sunday, July 10:

Dix & Dianne Howard
Steve & Ingegerd Larch
Ron & Joy Sudduth

Sunday, July 17:

Bob Kadehjian
Bob Robertson
Jim & Linda McKenzie

Sunday, July 24:

Bill Holbrook
Sheldon Blaney
Don Friedl
Lee Adourian

Sunday, July 31:

Dave & Bonnie Blomquist
Chris Pfaff
Dan & Karen Wagner

SUMMER COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Hosts are needed to host Coffee Hour for the Summer Union Worship services at First Parish.

Simple refreshments (cold drinks and finger foods such as cookies or pastries) are served at the back of the sanctuary. Supplies (pitchers, trays, cups etc) are provided – the host brings a cooler with the cold drinks and food.

If you would like to help, please contact the church office or sign up in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, June 19

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Sunday, June 26

The Holbrooks

Sunday, July 3

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Sunday, July 10

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Sunday, July 17

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Sunday, July 24

The Holbrooks

Sunday, July 31

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LAY READERS & GREETERS

Sunday, June 5:

Lay Reader: Brian Bayer
Greeter: Judy Thomson

Sunday, June 12:

Lay Reader: Kathy Davis

Lay Readers are not needed for Summer Union Worship services.

Church School Registration Form 20011-2012

First Parish of Westwood, United Church

Date: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother's name:

Father's name:

Occupation:

Occupation:

Address:

Address (if different):

Phone:

Phone (if different):

Emergency Contact during church school hour:

I will be in the church building

Other:

If the Church School is in need of help in the following area(s) give me a call:

- Teacher
- Substitute
- Classroom Helper
- Music Resource

Childcare for infants/toddlers

Work with youth group

Food for special occasions

I have another gift I'd like to share: _____

Family email address:

CHILD 1 INFORMATION » » » List additional children on the reverse

Child's Name:

Birth date:

Age:

Baptism: ___ at First Parish ___ elsewhere ___ not yet

Academic Grade:

Allergies:

Suggestions for nurturing my child: Learning style:

Special interests:

My child is interested in serving:

- Choir
- Worship
- Musical Instrument
- Other

Other information that would assist us in working with this child:

CHILD 2 INFORMATION

Child's Name:

Birth date:

Age:

Baptism: ___ at First Parish ___ elsewhere ___ not yet

Academic Grade:

Allergies:

Suggestions for nurturing my child: Learning style:

Special interests:

My child is interested in serving: Choir
 Worship
 Musical Instrument
 Other

Other information that would assist us in working with this child:

CHILD 3 INFORMATION

Child's Name:

Birth date:

Age:

Baptism: ___ at First Parish ___ elsewhere ___ not yet

Academic Grade:

Allergies:

Suggestions for nurturing my child: Learning style:

Special interests:

My child is interested in serving: Choir
 Worship
 Musical Instrument
 Other

Other information that would assist us in working with this child:

» » Please copy this page for additional children « «